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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

Applicant(s): Mark C. Duhon et al.

Docket No.

22.1397 (SHL.0102US)

Application No. 09/871,240	Filing Date 05-30-2001	Examiner Jennifer Hawkins Gay	Customer No. 21906	Group Art Unit 3672	Confirmation No. 8266
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Invention: EXPANDABLE ELEMENTS



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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 9, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the current listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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